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### **TUCSON MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

TUCSON, Ariz. – Christopher Paul Murriello, age 38, of Tucson, Ariz., was sentenced here today by U.S. District Judge David C. Bury to six months in prison, followed by lifetime supervised release. Murriello had pleaded guilty to a one count information on October 7, 2004. He was charged with Possession of Child Pornography in violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Sections 2252A(a)(5)(b) and (b)(2). Murriello was also ordered to register as a sex offender.

The investigation led FBI agents to the defendant's residence at which time Muriello consented to a search of his computer. The search revealed the presence of approximately 100 images and 20 movie clips of varying lengths of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, including prepubescent minors under the age of 12.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the FBI's Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Team. The prosecution was handled by Judson T. Mihok, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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